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SUBJECT: KUWAITI RATIFICATION OF CONVENTIONS

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1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED KUWAITI LACK OF RATIFICATION OF CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA AND OF CONVENTION ON PREVENTION OF MARINE POLLUTION BY DUMPING OF WASTES AND OTHER MATTER, 1972 WITH MINISTRY FOREIGN AFFAIRS OFFICIAL. EMBOFF MADE POINTS CONTAINED IN REFERENCE AND URGED RATIFICATION OF CONVENTIONS ALREADY SIGNED BY GOK.

2. FORMER CONVENTION HAS NOT YET EMERGED FROM MFA FOR SUBMISSION TO NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FOR RATIFICATION. IT BEING ACCORDED LOW PRIORITY BECAUSE OF GENERAL LACK OF INTEREST STEMMING FROM VIRTUAL ABSENCE OF WILD ANIMAL OR GEGETABLE LIKE IN KUWAIT. THERE CONSIDERABLY MORE INTEREST IN OCEAN DUMPING CONVENTION BUT GOK HAS DECIDED NOT TO PLACE CONVENTION BEFORE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FOR RATIFICATION UNTIL THIS SPRING'S LAW OF SEA TALKS HAVE BEEN CONCLUDED. GOK WANTS TO SEE WHAT EMERGES FROM LOS NEGOTIATIONS BEFORE TAKING FURTHER ACTION ON OCEAN DUMPING CONVENTION.

4. COMMENT: NATIONAL ASSEMBLY WILL HAVE TO RATIFY CONVENTIONS. IT USUALLY RECESSES FROM EARLY JULY TO LATE SEPTEMBER, AND THERE ARE SEVERAL OTHER MATTERS WHICH ARE LIKELY TO HAVE PRIORITY. ON ITS OWN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY WILL PROBABLY NOT MOVE VERY QUICKLY.

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UNLIKELY KUWAIT WILL RATIFY ENDANGERED SPECIES CONVENTION IN NEAR

FUTURE. RATIFICATION OF OCEAN DUMPING CONVENTION WILL DEPEND ON
OUTCOME GENEVA LOS NEGOTIATIONS AND DEGREE OF URGENCY GOK
DECIDES TO ATTACH TO RATIFICATION OF CONVENTION. WE DOUBT RATIFI-
CATION CAN BE ACHIEVED PRIOR TO SUMMER/RECESS, HOWEVER.
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